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CHARLES AND ELAINE YANG ARE WKHT 2016 OHANA AWARDEES" WOW!

CALENDAR

謹訂於二零一六年二月二十日星期六上午十一時半假座啊里意蘭尼小學校禮堂舉行本年度第一次全體會員大會議.懇請諸位堂兄弟姐妹踴躍出席參與! 謝謝.
Feb. 08 (Mon.) Year of the Monkey
Feb. 20 (Sat.) First General Mtg. of 2016
Apr.16 (Sat.) Qing Ming Baisan
Feb. 21(Sun.) Kapaulu Center Activity

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Charles and Elaine Yang, 2016 Ohana Award Recipients

(Award Narrative by Chadwick W. Wong)

The Charlie Yang family, consisting of Charles Chin Han Yang and wife Elaine Wong Yang, distinguished themselves as long time members of good standing who unselfishly and untiringly contributed their services to the Wong Kong Har Tong Society of Hawaii.

Charlie served as the Wong Kong Har Tong Society Ukulele Ensemble leader, and Elaine played ukulele in the group and also performed hula. The WKHT Ukulele Ensemble represented WKHT and performed annually at the Chinese Palolo Home, our Spring Banquet, Chasing the Moon Banquet, and Christmas Parties. Elaine also served on the Education Award Grant Committee. Her work on the Education Award Grant Committee was instrumental in providing needed support to the Wong Kong Har Tong student members seeking higher education. The award program is a critical mission of the society to provide financial support and encouragement to our members.

Charlie and Elaine could always be counted on to jump in and assist in any of the Wong Kong Har Tong Society activities.

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Thank You Notes

Dear WKHT,

Thank you for choosing me to be Moon Princess this year (2015) and for your generous lisee.

Yvonne Wong

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Dear Members WKHT of Hawaii,

On behalf of the students, parents, teachers and staff members of Ali'ioli Elementary School, we would like to express our sincerest appreciation for your donation of \$500 to spend of various staff and student needs.

Your commitment toward supporting Ali'ioli Elementary School is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Len Miyamoto, Principal

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The family of the late Lily W. Wong Choy acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. It's impossible to express all the gratitude that is in our hearts. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and love.

Lily's family

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Hi, Helen Wai,

Mahalo for an informative presentation to our members of Wong Kong Har Tong of Hawaii. The booklet "Sharing the Aloha" will definitely help all of us to conserve energy and to save money. Your presentation was an eye-opener for us. We did not realize how much we can save from all the tips you covered with us from the booklet. We just love the way you presented your presentation without any projection of slides just your strong island relationships to your audience. Thank you for all the LED bulbs that were passed out to the members. I appreciate you and Moniyua staying for lunch and continue to share your knowledge and tips with some of our members.

Thanks to Hawaii Energy for funding this energy conservation and efficiency program. Also mahalo to Moniyua for all the help with the presentation.

Sincerely, Beverly Wong, WKHT Social Chair.

Mah Jong Seven Sisters Winners (2)

Concentrating hard, "Willie" and Harry C.Y. won seven sisters combination during the fall.



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To recognize her contribution to WKHT, Elaine was recognized as Moon Queen at one of our recent Chasing the Moon celebration. They recently brought their children and grandchildren in as members, thereby insuring years of continued support for WKHT. The family are, Son David Allan Yang, Daughter Stephanie Kay Yang Wong married to Dr. Aldrin Bing Leong Wong, and Grandchildren Jared Skylar Wong, Kylie Ann Skye Wong, and Logan Riffe Wong. Over the years they volunteered at various Military Appreciation Days at the Zoo, WKHT Splendor of China Booths, Chinese New Year Parades, Qing Ming Baisan and Dragon Boat Races/WKHT picnic. They were participants in our special events such as the Chinatown historic tour, etc. Charlie and Elaine are also active in their church, leading their music group.

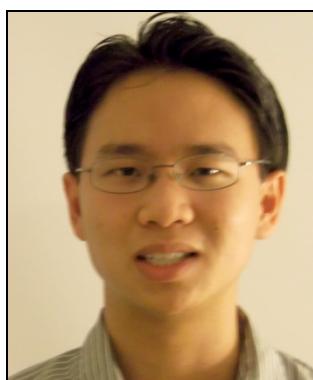
On behalf of the Wong Kong Har Tong Society officers, directors and members, we recognize you for your numerous, outstanding contributions to the Wong Kong Har Tong

Society and to our community, and hereby honor and congratulate you with the Wong Kong Har Tong Society Ohana Award. We wish you continued Happiness, Good Health, and Success in all your future endeavors.

Dated: January 9, 2016



WKHT 2016 Officers, directors and committee chairs



*Christopher's
Crystals*

It has now been around 4 months since I first arrived in Japan. The weather has changed from oppressively hot and humid to chilly and often extremely cold, especially for someone who has lived in Hawaii for his entire life. In this time, I think that I have changed as well.

I've never lived so far from my family. I went to college in Hawaii and, though I did live in the dormitories for a year, have never had the experience of not having a family member more than a few miles away to provide help. If I needed anything, help from someone who loved and care for me was at most 20 minutes away.

Since then, I've had to learn how to take care of myself to a far greater extent. While I do have a strong support network of friends, co-workers and supervisors here, I have also had to learn to take care of things on my own when necessary. Each day presents a new challenge. The amazement at everything Japanese fades with time and I see more clearly that there are many differences between myself, my friends - who are teachers from around the world - and the people who live here.

However, there are commonalities as well. I recently attended a funeral for one of my colleague's wives. Though I couldn't understand all of what was said in the eulogy, and though the customs and behaviors at the funeral were often very foreign to me, I still felt myself tearing up. I could feel the emotion and the love that my co-worker, his daughters, and the many people who had attended felt for the woman who had passed away. I perceived he sense that she had been kind and full in life, that she had truly made a difference and had lived in a way that mattered. Some things are human and go beyond cultural differences and language barriers.

In essence, I am finding the aspects inside of myself that really matter. When thrown into a new place, culture, language and job, every experience asks of you to go to your core; who are you really and what do you believe? What aspects of yourself are human cross-culturally, that help you to connect despite challenges? I am learning to be more in-tuned both to myself and others; I have to be, in order to survive and thrive.

Many people before I left Hawaii said something along the lines of: Living in Japan will help you to be a better psychologist and teacher in the future. I believed this statement on a logical level, but never really understood how true it would be. There are times that are full of the joy of new experience and of meeting and connecting with new people, and there are times of frustration and loneliness. But learning to plan and to understand, to stand and to struggle are making me into a stronger person every day.

I look forward to the experiences yet to come and hope that your new year - and the one just past - will be and have been full of growth through struggle as well. Thank you for reading and take care! Please enjoy time with family, friends, and loved ones this holiday season.

新年快乐 恭喜发财 Happy New Year;
May You Discover Wealth.

Christmas Party Splendiferous

2015 Christmas Party was held on December 5 at Hale Koa Hotel, with a sumptuous buffet luncheon accented by early bird Bingo games, a animal balloon artist, music by our Christmas Ensemble and Ukulele Ensemble.

Many contributed their talents and efforts to make it another annual successful event, including Mathew and his friend who conducted the Bingo games, the reception hostesses, emcee. The enthusiastic co-chairs this year again were Jeffrey M.C. and wife Yvonne Wong, and Christy Wong Yee.



Matthew conducts Bingo games.



Christy lets Bingo winners select prizes.

The buffet menu included a plethora of varied interesting salads combinations, fresh fruits, fish, chicken, and beef. Everyone gourmandized and had semblances of being candidates for the role of Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus.



Our annual Christmas "instant" orchestra entertained with a medley of Christmas-themed songs. L. to R.: David Mark Wong, Fred M.C. Wong, Arthur Wong, Emily McCollum, Jeffrey M.C. Wong



The Ukulele Ensemble dressed festively and wearing Santa Claus hats belted out Christmas carols.



Santa brought presents for those ten and under and they children chimed along with Santa's ho-ho-ho-s.



Jameson, the youngest, received a biggie present for his first Christmas, as parents Scott and Christy look on and uncle Mathew smiles gleefully.



Kreesty's Kolumn

by Christy Wong

Happy New Year! Our ears are still ringing from ushering in the Year of the Monkey. We hope your holiday season was filled with wonder and peace. As for us - well, the holidays are always joy (and stress) - filled times but there is no time so wonderful as a child's first Christmas. For adults, anyway. The kid most likely will not appreciate the small or grand touches that went into making "their" Christmas so special. Example: this is the year we were supposed to get our high quality artificial tree, one that would last us many Christmases, but when the holidays rolled around, I decided that Jameson's first tree just had to be a fragrant Douglas fir like the ones I grew up with. Now that the tree has gone to Douglas fir heaven, we are all fairly certain that Jameson would have fared just fine with a PVC tree (less vacuuming for Mommy, too.)

Our season was devoid of relaxation but brimming with firsts - our first Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's with Jameson. J's first taste of turkey. His first present. His first string of firecrackers. His first memories - the ones that he is too little to save for himself, but that we will guard until he is old enough to smile at photos and listen to stories.

The most important part of the holidays is, of course, spending it with family, reflecting on our blessings. We are fortunate enough to live with Gung Gung, in close proximity to Uncles Matt and Wayne, and a short drive from J's other grandparents too. We also live with the memory of Jameson's grandmother, whose most important legacy is love of family.

This is a belated wish for peace and happiness, family and friendship, and the blessing of great adventures for all of you in 2016. We will be embarking on our own ad-

venture (the one known as "early toddlerhood) this year. So please, wish us a little sleep, a lot of luck, and an enduring sense of humor. See you soon!



New member Stella Wong Kubo (second from left) is welcomed by membership chairman (left one) Jeffrey M.C. Wong and Wilfred "Willie" Wong, and president Annette Wong. Stella is Wilfred's sister. Stella was participating as an active member at the registration desk during our Christmas party at Hale Koa Hotel. Kudos.

Who Are Alumni Members?

As reported by membership chairman Jeffrey C.M. Wong:

Members in good standing who are unable to participate as active members due to age and/or infirmity may apply for Alumni membership status. Alumni membership is a limited, non-voting, inactive member status. Activity fee will be waived and Alumni members will be invited to attend the Installation and Spring Banquets as a member and will receive a newsletter if desired. Members must apply for Alumni status and update their status yearly using the activity fee form. Active member status will be reinstated with the payment of the annual activity fee. A \$5 reinstatement fee will be assessed for applications from currently inactive members. This fee will be waived through 2016.

Wongderful News

Henry LiNan Wong, William K.C. Wong, and Tina Wong Au rang the bells for the Salvation Army Christmas kettles. The former two represented the Salvation Army, while Tina rang the bell on behalf of the volunteer group from Territorial Savings and Loan... *Harry C.Y. Wong* was elected to another three-year term as trustee for the United Chinese society.... new member *Stella Wong Kubo*, Wilfred "Willie" Wong's sister, has jumped into the stream of things and getting involved in WKHT activities. She has helped to man the registration tables for the Christmas party and the 2016 Installation event.

Wah Lun Wong Heads Lung Doo Benevolent Society

Former president Wah Lun Wong has been elected by the Lung Doo Benevolent Society to serve as its helmsman for 2016.

The society is one of the vibrant Chinese societies in Hawaii. Well over a hundred years in existence, it boasts of upholding the traditions and culture of the Chinese who come from the Lung Doo Village. One of seven "doos" in Hawaii, it is perhaps, membership wise, the largest Chinese society in Hawaii.

Its headquarters, located on the corner of Hotel and Kekaulike Mall, has many members congregating to read the Chinese dailies and magazines while they socialize and sip tea in between.

The organization celebrates all the Chinese traditional and cultural festivals and notably Qing Ming Basiswa at Manoa Chinese Cemetery when three chartered busloads of members make the trek to honor their ancestors.

Carrying on the centuries old veneration for the elders, all are treated with great respect and honor. With many in recent years coming from their home village, the meetings are conducted mostly in lung doo dialect.

The vibrant society participates in all Chinese community events, including the Lunar Year parades in Chinatown, dragon boat races and picnic.

We wish Wah Lun a grandiose year as he leads the society as its president in 2016.

Installation 2016 Was a Grand Event

This year's Installation, held on January 9th at Mandalay Restaurant, was full of camaraderie and jocund company.

With the help of many, the event was landmark. Special thanks goes to the following who participated in the ceremonies and agenda: Master of ceremonies was Dennis K.W. Wong; Installation Officer was Alvin Wong; Invocation, Richard J.C. Wong; reception desk, Shirley Wong and Stella Wong Kubo; Leis presentation, Beverly H. Wong; Lisees to past presidents, officers, directors and committee chairs, Edna McKenna (Wah Lun's daughter). Menu: Harvey M.H. Wong.

2016 Installation Luncheon: President's Remarks: President Annette L. Wong

WKHT members, ALOHA and welcome to our annual installation luncheon.

First of all, I would like to thank all of the 2015 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons for all their diligence and hard-work in making the past year a very successful one. Likewise, I ask the 2016 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons and members for their continued support and leadership to make 2016 ever-more successful.

The leadership committees have put together an exciting calendar of events for this year. I encourage and challenge all of you to fully participate in as many planned activities as possible. By doing so, we hope to help perpetuate Chinese traditions for you and your family as well as make the activities fun for all ages as well.

Again, thank you for being here for this first event of the year and enjoy the program, and the sumptuous lunch we have planned for you.

Do jay, do jay, Xie-xie.

A Word About Qing Ming Baisan

Our Qing Ming Baisan for 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th 10:00 a.m. at Manoa Chinese Cemetery, at our tomb site of our ancestor who is Wong Min Din, buried there.

We encourage as many of our members to turn out for the event, and not just come by to pick up their brown bag of traditional pork slice, oranges, bao, and box lunch.

Can't climb the hill? Manoa Chinese Cemetery has gold carts to "ride up the hill".

Let us honor our ancestors by taking part in the event.

Those wishing to help with pitching the tent can come earlier before 9:00 a.m.

Co-chairmen for Baisan are Wah Lun Wong and Sherman B. Wong.



Member Shirley Yoshida shares her keyboard playing talents and singing voice at the United Chinese Society's annual visit to Palolo Chinese Home last October. She is also a vocalist and ukulele player for our Ukulele Ensemble. She is also a member of the Guang Zhong Chinese Music Ensemble.

She teaches keyboard playing students and is a driver training instructor and works part time as an education assistant.



Helen Wai, guest speaker at our August meeting on conserving electric energy.

Our website:

Have you tried checking or tuning in on our website? The address is located on the top right hand corner of our bulletin's first page. We thank Luther Chong of Tsung Tsin Association for putting in the information that includes our bulletins, pictures, forms, history, etc. Our "local" coordinator is Chadwick W. Wong.

tinyurl.com/wkhthi/

Learn How to Play Mah Jong?

Members who wish to learn how to play mah jong are invited to drop by the third Sunday of each month (except December) at our Kapahulu Center from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For those who know how to play and would like to know WKHT rules and counting, they can download it from our website.

Lao Zi, great Chinese philosopher, said:

*If you are depressed, you are living in the past;
If you are anxious, you are living in the future;
If you are at peace, you are living in the present.*

Monkey Tales

Many temples were built to the monkey-god in South China. In these, he is revered and worshipped as *Qi-tian da sheng* (the great saint equal to heaven).

The monkey is the ninth creature in the Chinese zodiac following the horse which it is often represented. A picture showing a monkey mounted on a horse is called *ma-shang feng-hou*; and a homonymic reading of this title gives the meaning "May you be straight away (*ma shang*) elevated to the rank of count (*feng-hou*). Such a picture was a very suitable gift for an official, for example.

More frequently, we find a monkey shown holding a peach: the peach symbolizes longevity, and was stolen, according to one

legend, from the peach garden of Xi-wang-mu.

Yet another motif in painting shows two monkeys on a pine tree. This can be interpreted at "May you rank as a count from generation to generation." This is also the meaning inherent in a picture showing one monkey crouching on the back (*bei*) of another (*bei* = generation).

Gods in Chinese legend sometimes appear in the guise of monkeys. The best known of these is Sun Wu-kong, who accompanied the pilgrim Xuan-Cang to India and came to his rescue in many a dangerous situation.

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